

night. On Tuesday morning the class-day exercises will be held on the college campus, and in the afternoon will occur the annual reunions of the Christian Association, the Kappa Sigma and the Phi Mu societies, to be followed in the evening by the students' concert. The graduation exercises occur on Wednesday morning in the college chapel, and in the afternoon, the alumnae banquet will be held. A business meeting of the alumnae will be held immediately after the banquet, and the exercises will close with the annual address to the alumnae by Mrs. Almena Bradley Williams, '90, of Washington.

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THE REV. DR. CHAMBERS ON DOUBT.

HE PREACHES THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON
TO COLUMBIA STUDENTS.

The students of Columbia College listened with attention and evident appreciation to the baccalaureate sermon, last night, delivered by the Rev. Dr. Talbot W. Chambers, one of the trustees of the college, in the Collegiate Reformed Church, at Forty-eighth- and Fifth-avenues. The Rev. Dr. E. B. ... (see page 10) of the ... and New Testament. President Lou, together with the trustees of the college, sat behind the pulpit. The professors and students occupied the central portion of the church. The text was from the seventeenth verse of the last chapter of Matthew: "But some doubted." (Matthew 23:34.)

These words occurred in the account of the last arguments of our risen saviour, as recorded by the first evangelist. Matthew speaks as if only the eleven disciples were present, but it is probable that a larger number were present, inasmuch as the apostles were joined by St. Paul, in the Epistle to the Corinthians, where he said "our Lord was seen of 500 at once. This was in a mountain in Galilee, but which mountain it is impossible to say. Our Lord appeared, but there were great differences among the apostles. Some of them fell at His feet and adored Him as their Lord and Saviour, but others

were exceptions, as stated in our text. "Some doubted." Why did they doubt? Perhaps they thought it was a spirit or magic. The Lord has raised the dead. Why was He allowed to go to His death and to suffer such awful persecution? Why was not this heavenly power exerted before? But doubt did not continue upon closer investigation and fuller consideration. These doubts have been raised in our minds. We have seen the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. They deliberately prefer to assume the position of doubt. They say: "The evidence is not sufficient; therefore, we neither deny or affirm."

Persistent doubt is deadly. Every reasonable man must believe in the resurrection of the dead. He that does not believe in Christ, Christ said, "He that believeth shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be condemned," and the doubter falls into the latter class.

"How can we remove these doubts?" Some one may ask. The answer is, "We remove them, each of all." It is in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, that Jesus of Nazareth, no sane man doubts. We have the records of His life—a life the equal of which we have never had anywhere since or before His time. There He stands in His spotless purity, the Son of man who has come to save the world. How can the man who doubts that Jesus of Nazareth be accounted true? It stands alone in its sublime personality. How can He who was truth itself mislead any of His followers? And now a word of warning. We are

responsible for your belief, hope and life. If I am not responsible for your belief, how can I be responsible for your eternal life? It is to glorify in the cross stronger and stronger. It passes into knowledge, and we "know that all things work together for good for them that have loved Him." Now are we the sons of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be, but we know that we shall be like Him. We are to be like Him, for we shall want Him as He is. "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him against that day."

DR. HALL TO UNIVERSITY SENIORS.

The Rev. Dr. John Hall, chancellor of the University of the City of New York, delivered the baccalaureate sermon at the graduation exercises of the University held at the University Place Presbyterian Church. The church was crowded with students and their friends. The graduating class numbers twenty-seven. Beside Dr. Hall in the pulpit sat Vice-Chancellor MacCracken, of the university, and the Rev. Dr. George Alexander, pastor of the church. Dr. Hall said in part:

No one needs to be told of man's dependence on something other than himself. In sinning he does not lose this dependence, but only places it on something unworthy of himself. Glorifying is not wrong. It is man's nature and being, so care only is to be taken that the glorifying be in that which is proper for glory. Hence may we well glorify in God and in His Son Jesus Christ, who has so largely provided for the generous soul of one who has chosen, yet no one in this commercial centre fails to see their selfishness. No; he blunders as well as sins who thinks he will be safe in his riches. These sorts of glorifying are hyphens to be avoided, and the main highway is pointed out in the words: "Let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me." Despite

agnostics we can know Him and have fellowship in His life. Dear young man, be strong, strong in the truth.

dwelling in you, in the Lord and His might. Not from selfish motives. But because filled with love for Him who loveth you. In this way you may glory.

SERVICES FOR LITTLE FOLK.

OBSERVING CHILDREN'S DAY—FLOWERS GIVEN AWAY.

Church services in many of the churches yesterday were devoted to the children. The churches were decorated with flowers, and at most of the churches the children took an active part in some of the services. As remembrances of the day, the flowers were given to the young people to carry away.

The Methodist Episcopal churches made rather more of Children's Day than those of other denominations. At the Cornhill Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church the pastor, the Rev. Horace W. Lyford, preached a sermon on "Living with the Mother," at 2 p. m., and a floral service was held, in which the children gave songs and recitations. At its close each child received a live potted plant to take home. For several years the church has followed this custom, and prizes are given to those who at the end of a year report their plants as alive. One little girl who received a bleeding heart last year, yesterday reported that it was alive, and in answer to the question what she had done to it, answered between smiles and tears, "On the grass."

Whose she did not say. A song service by the children completed the day's celebration.

The Calvary Presbyterian Church, at Madison Ave. and One hundred and thirtieth st., held a children's

service in the morning, as did also the Eighteenth Street Methodist Episcopal, the Forty-third Street

Metho-dist Episco-pal, St. Paul's Metho-dist Episco-pal, the Thirty-four Street Reformist, St. Luke's Metho-dist Episco-pal, St. James's Metho-dist Episco-pal, and the Lenox Avenue Union churches. Afternoon or evening services were held at the Central Methodist Episco-pal, the Fourth Presbyterian, the Beekman Hill Metho-dist Episco-pal, and the Bethany Presby-terian churches, and at the Five Points House of Industry and the Church of the Divine Paternity. At Pilgrim Congrega-tional Church, one hundred-ninety-two first-class and one hundred-thirty-third day, the services all had reference to "Floral Sunday."

Children's Day was celebrated in all the Metho-dist Episco-pal churches of Jersey City. There were special services. The day was appropriately observed in the Presbyterian, Baptist and Metho-dist churches of Mount Vernon. The Rev. Charles S. Lane conducted for the children of the Presbyterian Church in the morning, and delivered the fifth of his interesting course of lectures on the "Life and Influence of Daniel." At the Baptist church the Rev. C. H. Dodd conducted a children's service in the afternoon. At the Rev. Ischaud Simmons' church there were special services in the morning.

In the afternoon, at the Central Metho-dist Church, and in the evening at the Sunday-school classes had a floral festival, at which there were singing, recitations, etc.

There were services in the tramps. At Calvary Metho-dist Episco-pal Church, where the address was made by the Rev. Dr. Henry Spellmeyer. In the St. Cloud Pres-by-terian church the address was by the Rev. J. W. McQuinn. At the Central Wesleyan Episco-pal Con-gre-ga-tional Church the address was delivered by the Rev. Charles A. Savage. At the Sanford Street Metho-dist Episco-pal Church the Rev. J. W. McQuinn also gave the address. These were the feature. Other celebra-tions of the day were in the First Metho-dist Episco-pal Church of Tramp, the Marie Avenue Baptist Church, and the Trinity Church, Park Avenue East of East Orange.

The services were largely attended in all the churches of Yonkers. The Central Metho-dist, First Pres-by-terian, the Wesleyan Episco-pal, the Wesleyan Episco-pal, the Warburton Avenue and Nepperhan Mission combined in

the afternoon at the Baptist Church.

GENERO'S COMPENSATION.

From The Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

The Rev. Simon Inaker, of Lowell, Mass., formerly of Maine, while in the army, lost an eye, and a daughter had while holding a pastoral near Bangor. There was a well-to-do farmer who lived on the opposite bank of the Penobscot river, and Inaker, who, one spring, when the ice on the river was breaking up, lost a daughter. Mr. Inaker was asked by the pastor to call on the farmer, and he did, to the obligation of the latter, and was obliged to make the journey, the nearest bridge being some distance up the river. Nothing was said, but a party was made up, and the expenses were incurred. A little while afterward another death occurred in the family. Mr. Inaker was again asked to conduct the funeral, which he did, this time, obliging a man to row him across the river, and again with no mention of compensation. The next spring the farmer's wife died, and he was again asked to be obliged to make the journey as he did the first time, by carriage. This time the farmer went to Mr. Inaker, and said, "I have been thinking of you, and I had to come over here to conduct these funerals at

such an expense to you, and I feel that it is asking altogether too much. I want to pay you something.

So next fall when the apples are ripe, you drive around and you can help yourself from my orchard."